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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on February 19, 2002, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Chinese Office Action (together with its English language translation) from the Chinese Patent Office that was mailed on April 2, 2004, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. CN 01139458.7, in which the Chinese Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

Chinese Patent Application Publication No. CN 1230063A, which was published on September 29, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Chinese Patent Application Publication No. CN 1243291A, which was published on February 2, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

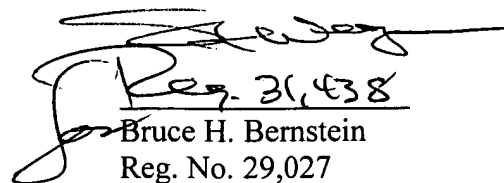
The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Chinese Examiner applying Chinese rules to the Chinese claims are set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has issued in the present application. However, Applicants certify that each item of information contained in the present Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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